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Seasonal industry shutdowns contributed to lower employment and a one-tenth percent unemployment increase in Connecticut during August, when personal income rose to a new record, weekly production wages were at yearly highs and manufacturing output improved, State Labor Commissioner Ronald F. Petronella reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total non-farm employment dropped from 1,591,600 to 1,581,700 in August (p. 2), due in part to temporary industry closings. Most of the decline was in the service producing sector, which lost 11,100 jobs over the month. Within this category, employment was lower in state and local government (-4,700) and in trade (-1,200). Other declines were in education (-1,600) and health (-1,000) services, although jobs increased in business services (+400). Employment in the goods producing sector increased in August from 377,200 to 378,400. Manufacturing payrolls added 900 jobs, and there were workforce expansions in fabricated (+800) and primary metals (+600) production. Employment was higher in six labor market areas and down in nine (p. 5 & 6).

Compared to August 1990, statewide non-agricultural employment was off 2.8 percent, with the largest decrease in construction (-15.8%) (p. 2). Other job losses were in communications (-6.3%) and trade (-3.2%). Annual payrolls expanded in instruments (+4.9%) and apparel (+1.9%) manufacturing, and health services (+1.9%).

Average weekly production wages rose 34 cents in August to \$496.80, the highest level since December 1990 when it was \$499.14 (p. 3). Hourly earnings averaged slightly less over the month at \$12 and the workweek lengthened from 41.2 to 41.4 hours. When calculated on a straight-time basis, earnings dropped slightly from \$11.60 hourly, \$464 a week, to \$11.53 an hour and \$461.20 weekly. This is 4.2 percent above August 1990's straight-time rates. Construction workers were paid the most, \$683.47 weekly, followed by those manufacturing transportation equipment, \$580.55; chemicals, \$570.65 and primary metals, \$528.30. Among Connecticut's six largest labor markets, weekly wages were highest in Hartford (\$522.08), Bridgeport (\$516.12) and New Britain (\$494.46) (p. 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment rose 2,600 to 126,300 in August, as the statewide actual jobless rate shifted one-tenth to 6.9 percent of the labor force (p. 4). Adjusted for seasonal influences, the rate also was up one-tenth to 6.7 percent. Both rates compare to national actual and adjusted unemployment rates of 6.5 and 6.8 percent respectively. Included in the estimates are people receiving unemployment benefits, others who are ineligible or whose benefits expired and persons entering or reentering the labor force. Over the month, unemployment rates were lower in four labor market areas, higher in six and unchanged in five.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in Connecticut's economy, personal income reached an all-time high of \$6-billion, 59-million (p. 7). New automobile registrations increased, manufacturing output was higher, and the average workweek was longer.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT
(Excludes agricultural, private household,
self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	August 1991(P)	July 1991(R)	August 1990(R)	% CHANGE Aug. '91 OVER July '91	% CHANGE Aug. '91 OVER Aug. '90
Total Nonagricultural Employment..	1,581,700 *	1,591,600 *	1,626,900 *	-0.6	-2.8
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	378,400	377,200 *	404,500 *	0.3	-6.5
Construction & Mining.....	58,000	57,700	68,900 *	0.5	-15.8
Manufacturing.....	320,400	319,500 *	335,600 *	0.3	-4.5
Durable.....	235,500	235,500	246,700 *	0.0	-4.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	5,000	4,800	5,400 *	4.2	-7.4
Stone, Clay & Glass.....	3,800	3,800	4,000	0.0	-5.0
Primary Metals.....	10,300	9,700	10,700	6.2	-3.7
Fabricated Metals.....	33,600	32,800	36,600	2.4	-8.2
Machinery & Computer Equip....	40,400	41,700	43,400	-3.1	-6.9
Electronic & Electrical Equip.	30,200	29,900	33,100 *	1.0	-8.8
Transportation Equipment.....	76,900	77,300	79,500	-0.5	-3.3
Instruments.....	28,100	28,300	26,800	-0.7	4.9
Miscellaneous Manufacturing...	7,200	7,200	7,200	0.0	0.0
Nondurable.....	84,900	84,000 *	88,900	1.1	-4.5
Food.....	10,600	10,100	11,000	5.0	-3.6
Textiles.....	2,300	2,400	2,600	-4.2	-11.5
Apparel.....	5,400	5,000	5,300	8.0	1.9
Paper.....	8,300	8,200	8,500	0.0	-2.4
Printing & Publishing.....	24,000	24,100	26,200	-0.4	-8.4
Chemicals.....	22,100	22,100	22,600	0.0	-2.2
Rubber & Plastics.....	10,900	10,800 *	11,400	0.9	-4.4
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	1,300	1,200	1,300	8.3	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	1,203,300 *	1,214,400 *	1,222,400 *	-0.9	-1.6
Transportation.....	38,900	39,200	39,800	-0.8	-2.3
Motor Freight & Warehousing....	16,200	16,300	16,700	-0.6	-3.0
Other Transportation.....	22,700	22,900	23,100	-0.9	-1.7
Communications.....	17,700	18,300	18,900	-3.3	-6.3
Utilities.....	11,100	13,200	13,400	-0.8	-2.2
Trade.....	351,700	352,900	363,200	-0.3	-3.2
Wholesale.....	82,500	82,700	86,300	-0.2	-4.4
Retail.....	269,200	270,200	276,900	-0.4	-2.8
General Merchandise.....	31,500	31,500	34,900	0.0	-9.7
Food Stores.....	48,400	49,100	48,700	-1.4	-0.6
Auto Dealers & Gas Stations...	28,300	28,300	29,300	0.0	-3.4
Restaurants.....	76,500	76,900	77,900	-0.5	-1.8
Other Retail Trade.....	84,500	84,400	86,100	0.1	-1.9
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	148,800	149,100	153,100	-0.2	-2.8
Finance.....	51,400	51,600	55,300	-0.4	-7.1
Insurance.....	82,100	82,100	82,400	0.0	-0.4
Real Estate.....	15,300	15,400	15,400	-0.6	-0.6
Services.....	434,400 *	438,100 *	434,400 *	-0.8	0.0
Hotels & Lodging Places.....	13,600	13,600	13,800	0.0	-1.4
Personal Services.....	17,500	17,600	17,700	-0.6	-1.1
Business Services.....	72,800	71,400	76,700	0.6	-5.1
Health Services.....	137,800 *	138,800 *	135,200 *	-0.7	1.9
Legal & Professional Services..	51,400	51,600	51,000	-0.4	0.8
Educational Services.....	34,600 *	36,200 *	35,200	-4.4	-1.7
Other Services.....	106,700	107,900	104,800	-1.1	1.8
Government.....	198,700	203,600	199,600	-2.4	-0.5
Federal.....	25,600	25,800	26,500	-0.8	-3.4
State & Local.....	173,100	177,800	173,100	-2.6	0.0
NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT**.....	1,261,300 *	1,272,100 *	1,291,300 *	-0.8	-2.3

* Excludes workers idled to labor management disputes.

** Includes Service Producing Industries and Construction and Mining employment.

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

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UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY LABOR MARKET AREA AND THE UNITED STATES

	August	1991(P)	July	1991(R)	August	1990(R)
		Percent		Percent		Percent
		of		of		of
		Labor		Labor		Labor
	Number	Force**	Number	Force**	Number	Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	126,300	6.9	123,700	6.8	92,000	5.1
*Seasonally Adjusted...		(6.7)		(6.6)		(5.0)
<u>Ct. Labor Market Areas</u>						
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	18,600	7.8	18,200	7.8	14,400	6.2
Bristol.....	4,100	10.0	4,300	10.5	2,700	6.6
Danbury.....	6,100	4.9	6,000	4.9	4,900	4.1
Danielson.....	3,700	9.7	3,900	10.7	2,800	7.5
Hartford.....	29,100	6.6	27,700	6.3	20,100	4.6
Middletown.....	3,500	6.6	3,300	6.3	2,300	4.4
Lower River.....	900	4.6	900	4.7	700	3.6
New Britain.....	7,000	9.2	6,800	9.0	4,500	6.1
New Haven.....	19,100	6.6	19,300	6.6	14,600	5.0
New London/Norwich*..	9,300	6.9	9,000	6.7	7,400	5.5
Norwalk.....	3,700	4.4	3,600	4.4	2,700	3.4
Stamford.....	5,600	4.6	5,300	4.4	4,100	3.5
Torrington.....	3,700	6.7	3,700	6.7	2,600	4.8
Waterbury.....	10,700	10.2	10,700	10.4	7,800	7.5
Willimantic.....	1,900	6.8	1,900	6.7	1,200	4.4
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	8,237,000	6.5	8,576,000	6.7	6,837,000	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.8)		(6.8)		(5.6)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS			

	Aug. '91	July '91	Aug. '90

1967=100.....	409.2	408.0	394.1

1982-84=100.....	136.6	136.2	131.6
Percent Change From...	xxx	+ 0.3	+ 3.8

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK
FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS

Labor Market Area	Aug. '91	July '91	Aug. '90(R)	Percent Change to Aug. 1991 from:	
				July '91	Aug. '90
<u>Bridgeport-Milford</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	184,620*	183,000*	190,000	0.9	- 2.8
Goods Producing	52,570	50,690*	56,780	3.7	- 7.4
Service Producing	132,050*	132,310*	133,220	- 0.2	- 0.9
<u>Bristol</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	24,100	24,270	25,500	- 0.7	- 5.5
Goods Producing	6,940	6,890	8,260	0.7	- 16.0
Service Producing	17,160	17,380	17,240	- 1.3	- 0.5
<u>Danbury</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,960	83,200	83,420	- 0.3	- 0.6
Goods Producing	26,620	26,570	27,150	0.2	- 2.0
Service Producing	56,340	56,630	56,270	- 0.5	0.1
<u>Danielson</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,760	22,100	23,260	3.0	- 2.1
Goods Producing	7,630	6,930	8,620	10.1	- 11.5
Service Producing	15,730	15,170	14,640	3.7	7.4
<u>Hartford</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	450,800*	454,430*	470,960*	- 0.8	- 4.3
Goods Producing	92,820	93,560	99,380	- 0.8	- 6.6
Service Producing	357,980*	360,870*	371,580*	- 0.8	- 3.7
<u>Middletown</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	42,070	42,390	42,790	- 0.8	- 1.7
Goods Producing	9,150	9,330	10,250	- 1.9	- 10.7
Service Producing	32,920	33,060	32,540	- 0.4	1.2
<u>Lower River</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	15,440	15,330	15,170	0.7	1.8
Goods Producing	5,300	5,200	5,180	1.9	2.3
Service Producing	10,140	10,130	9,990	0.1	1.5
<u>New Britain</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	60,250	60,650	62,960	- 0.7	- 4.3
Goods Producing	20,760	20,960	22,840	- 1.0	- 9.1
Service Producing	39,490	39,690	40,120	- 0.5	- 1.6
<u>New Haven-Meriden</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	244,640	247,100	254,940*	- 1.0	- 4.0
Goods Producing	50,320	50,610	54,610*	- 0.6	- 7.9
Service Producing	194,320	196,490	200,330	- 1.1	- 3.0
<u>New London-Norwich**</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	110,100	111,260	114,570	- 1.0	- 3.9
Goods Producing	33,790	33,680	35,390	0.3	- 4.5
Service Producing	76,310	77,580	79,180	- 1.6	- 3.6
<u>Norwalk</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	71,030	70,850	69,970	0.3	1.5
Goods Producing	18,370	17,980	17,340	2.2	5.9
Service Producing	52,660	52,870	52,630	- 0.4	0.1
<u>Stamford</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	119,300	119,580	120,540	- 0.2	- 1.0
Goods Producing	23,030	22,920	23,520	0.5	- 2.1
Service Producing	96,270	96,660	97,020	- 0.4	- 0.8

**NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK
FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS (Cont'd)**

Labor Market Area	Aug. '91	July '91	Aug. '90(R)	Percent Change to	
				Aug. 1991 from:	Aug. '90
				July '91	Aug. '90
<u>Torrington</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	33,830	33,670	34,400	0.5	- 1.7
Goods Producing	9,900	9,620	10,480	2.9	- 5.5
Service Producing	23,930	24,050	23,920	- 0.5	***
<u>Waterbury</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	79,010	77,650	83,450	1.8	- 5.3
Goods Producing	20,110	18,540	23,350	8.5	- 13.9
Service Producing	58,900	59,110	60,100	- 0.4	- 2.0
<u>Willimantic</u>					
Total Nonag. Empl.	20,010	20,120	20,890	- 0.5	- 4.2
Goods Producing	2,190	2,130	2,020	2.8	8.4
Service Producing	17,820	17,990	18,870	- 0.9	- 5.6

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the estimates.

*** Change is less than 0.05 percent.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

**EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. 1991	July 1991	Aug. 1990	Aug. 1991	July 1991	Aug. 1990	Aug. 1991	July 1991	Aug. 1990
Bridgeport	\$516.12	\$531.94	\$488.01	40.8	41.3	40.6	\$12.65	\$12.88	\$12.02
Hartford	522.08	527.90	521.25	41.7	41.6	41.8	12.52	12.69	12.47
New Britain	494.46	507.49	522.41	40.2	41.7	42.3	12.30	12.17	12.35
New Haven	468.46	466.90	458.56	40.7	40.6	41.2	11.51	11.50	11.13
Stamford	482.93	494.21	498.40	41.1	41.6	40.0	11.75	11.88	12.46
Waterbury	477.91	483.07	438.46	42.9	42.3	42.2	11.14	11.42	10.39

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment		Av. Weekly		Rate Total		Personal Income
	Nonag. (Thous.)		Initial Claims		Unemployment		Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1990							
Jan....	1634.4	1656.1	8775	5292	5.0	4.5	\$5773.2
Feb....	1626.8	1650.3	5193	5152	5.5	4.9	5800.1
Mar....	1637.6	1648.6	4498	5749	5.3	5.1	5805.5
Apr....	1635.5	1642.9	4953	5809	5.2	5.4	5780.5
May....	1647.0	1643.1	4119	5721	5.1	5.4	5808.7
Jun....	1659.5	1639.4	5121	5562	5.2	5.0	5823.8
Jul....	1633.6	1641.7	6374	4286	5.2	5.1	5852.6
Aug....	1626.9	1638.9	4469	5208	5.1	5.0	5884.3
Sep....	1637.8	1635.9	4136	7019	5.1	5.5	5896.2
Oct....	1645.8	1636.0	4631	6480	4.8	5.1	5952.0
Nov....	1651.9	1633.5	5140	6777	4.8	5.3	5983.0
Dec....	1654.7	1628.8	7781	4724	4.7	4.9	6012.9
1991							
Jan....	1609.9	1631.1	10878	6561	5.6	5.1	6022.1
Feb....	1599.5	1622.2	6907	6852	6.0	5.4	6046.5
Mar....	1604.6	1615.9	5316	6798	5.7	5.6	6038.5
Apr....	1606.6	1614.7	5989	7021	5.2	5.4	6001.6
May....	1610.1	1606.9	4744	6589	5.2	5.4	5997.4
Jun....	1618.9	1599.7	6236	6771	6.2	5.9	6009.7
Jul....	1591.6(R)	1599.6(R)	7868	5291	6.8	6.6	6033.3(R)
Aug....	1581.7(P)	1592.8(P)	6685	7791	6.9	6.7	6059.6(P)
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto		Average Work		Mfg. Output	
	Registrations		Week Hours		(1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1990						
Jan....	9172	10698	42.4	42.2	119.7	115.1
Feb....	7749	9300	42.2	42.2	118.4	114.2
Mar....	8700	6658	42.3	42.1	114.1	109.9
Apr....	8100	6873	40.8	40.9	102.7	99.6
May....	9729	9031	42.0	42.1	114.3	110.8
Jun....	7995	8187	42.0	42.0	114.7	109.3
Jul....	5479	7900	41.8	42.1	88.6	106.0
Aug....	8165	8424	41.5	42.1	92.8	109.7
Sep....	8241	8439	42.1	42.1	113.2	108.8
Oct....	13985	14572	41.9	42.0	111.9	107.6
Nov....	9095	8280	42.3	42.0	109.0	103.9
Dec....	9747	9144	42.4	41.9	98.6	102.5
1991						
Jan....	7587	8853	41.5	41.3	104.4	100.4
Feb....	4196	5037	42.0	42.0	104.8	101.1
Mar....	7311	5594	41.9	41.7	105.8	101.9
Apr....	8763	7433	41.5	41.5	104.3	101.2
May....	7523	6985	41.2	41.3	103.2	100.0
Jun....	6660	6817	41.5	41.5	105.9	101.0
Jul....	3124	4501	41.2	41.5	83.3(R)	99.6(R)
Aug....	7415	7652	41.4	42.0	86.3	102.2
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Avg Wkly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected	Federal Loan
1975	83,971	\$298,345,000	\$140,940,000	1973 \$ 21,700,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000	1974 8,500,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000	1975 203,000,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000	1976 137,000,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000	1977 75,000,000
				1978 37,000,000
				1983 63,806,000*
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000	1991 345,452,000*(E)
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000	
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000	Direct Loan
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000	Repayments
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000	
				1976 \$ 26,000,000
				1977 27,300,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000	1978 37,300,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000	1979 39,600,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000	1984 30,876,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000	1985 32,930,000
1989	29,097	265,821,000	190,278,000	1986 40,187,000
				1991 117,838,000
1990	45,312	432,904,000	186,371,000	
Jan'90	48,364	43,603,000	5,309,000	Loan Repayments
Feb	48,057	36,383,000	12,311,000	Via Employer Tax
Mar	48,496	37,670,000	354,000	Credit Reduction
Apr	45,118	38,305,000	20,558,000	1975 \$ 12,906,000
May	41,471	34,890,000	89,249,000	1981 46,537,000
Jun	41,853	30,992,000	865,000	1982 49,496,000
				1983 53,975,000
Jul	45,773	38,384,000	8,878,000	1984 57,349,000
Aug	45,841	33,246,000	27,847,000	1985 61,138,000
Sep	41,288	28,971,000	428,000	1986 64,352,000
Oct	40,777	35,677,000	7,503,000	
Nov	45,198	32,593,000	12,818,000	
Dec	51,509	42,190,000	251,000	Total Outstanding
				Loans
Jan'91	68,268	56,876,000	4,620,000	(8/31/91)
Feb	71,429	53,128,000	10,894,000	-\$227.6 million
Mar	70,816	55,134,000	198,000	
Apr	67,259	62,507,000	29,630,000	
May	61,063	48,105,000	92,260,000	Ct. UC Trust Fund
Jun	59,888	45,212,000	858,000	Reserve - (8/31/91)
				\$19.9 million
Jul	63,414	52,371,000	12,771,000	
Aug	63,680	44,477,413	25,105,000	
Sep				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				

*Interest bearing

E-Estimate

CONNECTICUT LABOR DEPARTMENT

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